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SUBJ: CHAUFFEUR UNIONS CAPITULATE

REF: BOGOTA 8193

1. LATE OCT 3, CHAUFFEURS UNIONS ISSUED PROCLAMATION CALLING AN END TO THE 3-DAY STRIKE. LATER, THE UNIONS LED BY COLOMBIAN WORKERS CONFEDERATION (CTC) PRES MERCADO, AND INCLUDING REPS FROM THE UNION OF COLOMBIAN WORKERS' (UTC) MET WITH LABOR MIN MURGAS, WHO AGREED TO MEET WITH CHAUFFEURS AND OWNER REPS BEGINNING OCT 4 TO SEEK SOLUTION TO WORKER DEMANDS.

2. GOC ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT BUS FARES WOULD NOT BE RAISED BUT THAT BUS OWNERS WOULD RECEIVE INCREASED SUBSIDY. SUBSIDY WILL NOT BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, VARYING ACCORDING TO POPULATION AND REGION SERVED.

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3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTTEL, DE FACTO END TO STRIKE OCCURRED

DURING COURSE OF OCT 3, AND THE UNIONS' FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY WERE ENDING THE STRIKE ONLY RECOGNIZED THEIR FAILURE TO GAIN ANY OF THEIR DEMANDS. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NOW THAT THE STRIKE IS OVER, AND THE WEAKNESS OF THE UNIONS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED, THAT THE GOC, AND PERHAPS THE EMPLOYERS, WILL PROVIDE TO THE WORKERS AT LEAST A PORTION OF WHAT THE UNIONS WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN FOR THEIR MEMBERS.

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